

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2298 - HB 2691

March 8, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the state to pay costs associated with utility relocation.
- Present law authorizes the commissioner of transportation to order a utility to relocate its facilities if necessary for highway improvement. The commissioner may either undertake the relocation work on behalf of the state, paying the cost of relocation, or reimburse the utility for the cost of relocation.
- The provisions of the bill would apply to any highway projects that have not been completed on July 1, 2002, even though the commissioner has required prior agreements with affected utility companies concerning any relocation work.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000 / Highway Fund

Estimate assumes:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation, the department currently spends approximately \$10 million annually associated with utility relocation.
- Based on the current level of expenditures for utility relocation, estimate assumes an increase in state expenditures to the highway fund exceeding \$1,000,000 annually.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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